

History of JFKS

1960:

First day of school at the German-American Community School, housed initially in rooms of the Mithlénau-Schule with two preparatory classes consisting of 15 American and 15 German 6-year-old students and two 3rd Grade classes.

1963:

After the assassination of John F. Kennedy in November, the school was renamed John F. Kennedy School, German-American Community School.

1971:

First High School Graduation.

1972:

First Abitur Graduation.

1985:

The John F. Kennedy School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

1989:

First of two Berlin Walls.

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German Reunification
End of Allied Occupation Laws in Berlin

1992:

Berlin Model United Nations (BERMUN) is established.

1994:

US forces officially leave Berlin. The first school year without students from US military families begins.

1997:

The JFKS Network is created and the school's first website goes online.

2009:

US Ambassador Philip D. Murphy visits JFKS to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall; a segment of the Berlin Wall is unveiled.

2010:

The school's 39th Abitur class honors JFKS with the school's best graduation results ever.

2018:

Installation of the Britto Bear - a donation to Berlin by JFK's sister, Eunice Kennedy-Shriver.

2020:

JFKS's 60th Anniversary!

2022:

JFKS is awarded the title "School without Racism/School with Courage" in a ceremony on campus. Lorna Hartling is the Schule mit Courage mentor.